

# California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region

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# Meeting Announcement Agenda

9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007

Wharfinger Building 1 Marina Way Eureka, California

Supporting documents for agenda items are posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. To view or download documents, go to <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast">www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast</a>.

Comments on individual agenda items are welcome. A set of draft materials for each agenda item that will be considered by the Regional Water Board is mailed to each person on the interested parties list. If you wish to be added to our interested parties list for a specific agenda item, please contact the staff person listed with the item in this agenda notice.

For comments on an agenda item to be considered by the Regional Water Board, they must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the associated hearing notice, which is mailed to interested parties, and posted on the Regional Water Board's website.

For any item for which there is no due date specified by a specific hearing notice, all written submittals shall be due no later than 12:00 noon the Friday before the board meeting or workshop. Timely submittal of comments gives the Regional Water Board staff and the Regional Water Board members sufficient time to familiarize themselves with your concerns and for staff to address them.

The Regional Water Board may refuse to accept written comments submitted after the due date in the applicable hearing notice. Pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 648.4, the Regional Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony or evidence into the administrative record if it is not submitted to the Regional Water Board in a timely manner, unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship. Agenda items are subject to postponement. You may contact the designated staff contact person in advance of the meeting day for information on the status of any agenda item.

All persons desiring to address the Board are required to fill out a **speaker card**. The Chair may then determine the number of persons who wish to speak on any one item. Cards are normally provided near the entrance to the meeting room.

Except for items designated as time certain, there are no set times for agenda items. Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair.

#### 9:00 a.m.

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Roll Call and Introductions
- Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.50.
- iv. Resolution No. R1-2007-0017 Expressing Appreciation to Gerald "Jerry" Cochran.
- v. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members' and Executive Officer's Reports: These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.
- vi. **Public Forum** Time will be reserved for the general public to address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction, excluding those items on the agenda. The Board Chair may limit the public forum to thirty (30) minutes initially, and continue any remaining appearances beyond the thirty (30) minutes at the end of the regularly scheduled business of the day. The Board Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limit their presentation to three (3) minutes.
- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 2007

#### Consent Item

 PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2007-0014, to consider rescission of waste discharge requirements for Erica Peters, Robert Peters, Marlene Judy Peters and E-Z Livin Mobile Home Park, 19925 Highway 101, Willits, Mendocino County (Lisa Bernard)

### **Petition for Action**

3. Consider a petition requesting the Regional Water Board to order PacifiCorp, operator of Copco and Iron Gate Dams, to submit a report of waste discharge and/or to issue waste discharge requirements; submitted by the Karuk Tribe of California, Klamath Riverkeeper, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and the Institute for Fisheries Resources. The Regional Water Board will hear comments/argument and consider a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution or order for adoption at the April 2007 Board meeting.

### **Enforcement**

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2007-0009, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify a complaint for Administrative Civil Liability issued on August 22, 2006 for Mandatory Minimum Penalties for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. 98-50 and R1-2003-0044 to Humboldt County Resort Improvement District No. 1 (Shelter Cove) Wastewater Treatment Facility, Humboldt County, WDID No. 1B84086OHUM (Bill Rodriguez)
- PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2007-0010, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify a complaint for Administrative Civil Liability issued on August 22, 2006 for Mandatory Minimum Penalties for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2000-0019 to Redway Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility, Humboldt County, WDID No. 1B83147OHUM (Bill Rodriguez)
- PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2007-0008 to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify a
  complaint for Administrative Civil Liability issued on December 11, 2006 for Mandatory Minimum
  Penalties for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. 98-26 and R1-2004-0024 to
  the Crescent City Harbor District Seafood-Processing Wastewater Treatment Facility, Del
  Norte County, WDID No.1A84005ODN (Tom Dunbar)

#### Information Items

- 7. Update on the Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL Workplan (Matt St. John)
- 8. Executive Officer Administrative Civil Liabilities (Catherine Kuhlman)
- 9. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items (Catherine Kuhlman)
- 10. Monthly Report to the Board
- 11. Other Items of Interest

### **Closed Session**

- 12. The Board may meet in closed session to:
  - a. consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(c)(3));
  - b. consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(a)(1));
  - c. discuss significant exposure to litigation (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(e)(2)(B)(i));
  - d. discuss whether to initiate litigation Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)(2)(C)(i)) including, but not limited to, the following matters: (*In re Talmage Dam* [consider referral of sediment discharge from dam operated by Mendocino County to Attorney General's Office]); and
  - e. discuss initiated litigation in the following matters Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)):
    - 1) Carla M. Clark et al. v. City of Santa Rosa et al., Sonoma Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. 227896;
    - Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company, LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and California State Water Resources Control Board, Humboldt Co. Sup. Court, Case No. CV-030650 (challenging 13267 orders);
    - Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company, LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and California State Water Resources Control Board, Humboldt Co. Sup. Court, Case No. CV 030761 (challenging request for reports of waste discharge in Freshwater Creek);
    - 4) People of the State of California v. North Coast Railroad Authority d.b.a. North Western Pacific Railroad, Mendocino Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CV80240;
    - 5) Whitman Corp. and Pneumo Abex Corp. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, Sonoma County Sup. Court (no Case No.); and related case People of the State of California, et al. v. Remco Hydraulics, Inc., et al., U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist., Case No. C96-0283:
    - 6) People, et al. v. KURE Shipping S.A., et al., Humboldt Co. Sup. Court (natural resource damage and statutory violations stemming from another fuel oil spill in Humboldt Bay several years ago);
    - 7) John W. Hanes et al. v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Mendocino County Superior Court, Case No. SCUK CVPT 0492211 (challenging administrative civil liabilities and their basis);
    - 8) John Green; Green Right O'Way Constructors v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Mendocino Co. Superior Court, Case No. CV0595697 (challenging ACL order);
    - Hopland Public Utility District v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, Mendocino Co. Superior Court, Case No. SCUKCVPT 05-96035 (challenging ACL order):
    - 10) John Diehl v. RWQCB, Del Norte Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CVPT061440 (requesting stay of, and challenging cleanup and abatement order);
    - 11) Pacific Lumber Co. et al. v. State of California, Fresno Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. 06CECG04221;
    - 12) Ken Berry et al. v. SWRCB, Sacramento Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. 07CS00021;
    - 13) In re Petition of Hopland Public Utilities District (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1698);
    - 14) In re Petition of Humboldt Waste Management Authority (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1742);
    - 15) In re Petition of Betty A. Marshall (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1652);
    - 16) In re Petition of Shiloh Group LLC, SWRCB/OCC File No. A1733;

- 17) In re Petition of Pacific Lumber Co., et al., SWRCB/OCC File No. (A1753) (challenging the Executive Officer's rescission of interim enrollments of specified THPs in the General Timber WDRs pursuant to the watershed-wide WDRs);
- 18) In re Petition of Pacific Lumber Co., et al, SWRCB/OCC File No. (A1755) (challenging watershed-wide waste discharge requirements in Elk River and Freshwater Creek);
- 19) In re Petition of Elk River Residents' Assoc., SWRCB/OCC File No. (A1755(a)) (challenging watershed-wide waste discharge requirements in Elk River and Freshwater Creek);
- 20) In re Petition of Humboldt Watershed Council and Elk River Residents Association, SWRCB/OCC File No. (A1783(a) & A1783) (challenging and requesting stay of Monitoring and Reporting Order R1-2006-0103 and subsequent enrollments [THPs 1-03-126, 1-04-241, and 1-05-161]);
- 21) In re Petition of City of Santa Rosa, Northern California River Watch and Coast Action Group, SWRCB/OCC File Nos. A-1779 and A-1779(a) (challenging NPDES permit Order No. R1-2006-0045);
- 22) In re Petition of City of Arcata, SWRCB/OCC File No.A-1754 (challenging ACL Order No. R1-2006-0054); and
- 23) In re Petition of Voice Family et al., SWRCB/OCC File No. (1781(a)&(b)) (challenging water quality certification for Van Duzen Ranch Streambank Protection Activities).
- Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment April 25 – 26, 2007 Regional Water Board Offices 5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste. A Santa Rosa, CA

## **Procedures and Notes**

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq.

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may meet for dinner and may recess for lunch; however, no business will be discussed except for Closed Session items as announced at the meeting.

**Accessibility -** The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jean Lockett, Secretary, at (707) 576-2307 or <a href="mailto:lockett@waterboards.ca.gov"><u>Jlockett@waterboards.ca.gov</u></a> at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

**General Statement** - The primary duty of the Regional Water Board is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulation and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Responsibilities and procedures of the Regional Water Quality Control Board come from the state's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act and the nation's Clean Water Act.

**Presentations** - The purpose of the meeting is for the Regional Water Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the recommendations made by the Executive Officer. The Regional Water Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics of the case to enable the Regional Water Board to take the appropriate action.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to be heard, a time limit for oral comments may be imposed on any agenda item. Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments in writing by the applicable due date and use time for oral comments to summarize those concerns. **Speakers should plan to deliver their oral comments within 3 minutes.** If a longer period of time is desired, speakers will be expected to notify the Regional Water Board staff prior to the meeting date, for scheduling purposes. The speaker will be expected to have submitted a written summary of the comments to be delivered by the due date for the associated agenda item and limit oral comments to a summary of pertinent points previously presented in writing.

If the submitted written material is more than 5 pages or contains foldouts, color graphics, maps, etc., 20 copies must be submitted for distribution to the Board members and staff.

Comments on agenda items will be accepted by electronic mail subject to the same conditions set forth for other written submissions as long as the total submittal (including attachments) does not exceed 5 printed pages in length.

Speakers are responsible for providing and operating projectors and other presentation aids. Some equipment may be available at the Board meeting; however, the type of equipment available will vary depending on the meeting location. To ascertain the availability of presentation equipment please contact Jean Lockett at (707) 576-2307 or Jlockett@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

**Hearing Record** - Material presented to the Regional Water Board, as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Regional Water Board. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All Regional Water Board files pertaining to the items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted to the Regional Water Board by staff for its consideration prior to action on the related items.

**Contributions to Regional Board Members** - All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit being considered by the Regional Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member. This requirement applies to contributions of \$250 or more made by the active supporter or opponent or his/her agent for use in federal, state or local elections within the last 12 months.

Also, all permit applicants and/or persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Regional Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member for three months following a Regional Water Board decision on the permit application.

**Water Quality Certifications** - The Regional Water Board processes requests for Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, to ensure that proposed federally-permitted activities will comply with the Regional Water Board's water quality standards. A listing of requests which are pending may be obtained by calling the office of the North Coast Regional Water Board at (707) 576-2220. The list may also be obtained by accessing our web site at: **www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast** 

**Notices of Proposed Corrective Actions** - The Regional Water Board provides routine public notices on proposed corrective actions and closure decisions related to cleanup on contaminated sites. These routine notices are published on our web site and a copy is maintained at our office for public review.

**Petition of Regional Board Action -** Any person affected adversely by a decision of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to review the decision. The State Water Board must receive the petition within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws and regulations applicable to filing a petition will be provided upon request, and may also be accessed at: **www.waterboards.ca.gov/wqpetitions/index.html** 

If the State Water Board accepts a petition for review, the Regional Water Board will be required to file the record in the matter with the State Water Board. The costs of preparing and filing the record are the responsibility of the person(s) submitting the petition. The Regional Water Board will contact the person(s) submitting a petition and inform them of the payment process and any amounts due.

Board Member	Appointment Category	Last Appointed
John Corbett, Chairman  McKinleyville	Water Supply	11/30/04
Bob Anderson, Vice Chairman Healdsburg	Irrigated Agriculture	12/02/05
John "Mike" Dunker Rio Dell	Municipal Government	11/22/06
Heidi Harris Salyer	Recreation, Fish and Wildlife	02/04/05
William Massey Forestville	County Government	10/07/05
Samuel Wakim Yreka	Public	11/22/06
Vacancy	Water Quality	
Vacancy	Industrial Water Use	
Vacancy	Water Quality	

Art Baggett	State Board Liaison	

Lead Staff		
Catherine Kuhlman	Executive Officer	
Luis Rivera	Assistant Executive Officer	
Linda Kryla	Staff Services Manager	
Janet Mahoney	Small Business Liaison	
E. Jean Lockett	Executive Assistant	
Samantha Olson	Counsel to the Board	
Kim Niemeyer	Counsel to the Board	

Watershed Protection Division	
David Leland	Division Chief
John Short	Supervisor, Core-regulatory Unit
Thomas B. Dunbar	Supervisor, Enforcement Unit
Diana Henrioulle	Supervisor, North Coastal NPS Unit

Timber Harvest Division	
Robert R. Klamt	Division Chief
Mark Neely	Supervisor, Southern Timber Unit
Fred Blatt	Supervisor, Northern Timber Unit

Watershed Management Division	
Ranjit Gill	Division Chief
Matt St. John	Lead, TMDL Unit
Holly Lundborg	Lead, Basin Planning Unit

Cleanup Division	
David Evans	Division Chief
Tuck Vath	Supervisor, Northern Cleanups Unit
Christine Wright-Shacklett	Supervisor, Southern Cleanups Unit